



## SCHOOL INFORMATION 2021-2022

Tarporley is a large village with excellent facilities situated in pleasant countryside between Chester and Nantwich. It provides the focal point for an extensive rural area. There are excellent links with the motorway system and with North and central Wales.

Tarporley High School and Sixth Form College is an 11-18 school which is part of the Multi Academy Sandstone Trust. There are also two other primary Schools in the Trust – Tarvin Primary School and Eaton Primary School. We are proud of the excellent reputation that the school has long held in the local area and beyond. The school recruits very well into Year 7 and the Sixth Form College, and is full in most year groups, with no fall in numbers anticipated in the future. Our school is a welcoming, friendly community where staff at all levels work together as a team and are dedicated to ensuring every young person receives an outstanding education.

Our Ofsted inspection in March 2014 rated us outstanding in all areas.

The academic organisation of the school is based on six faculties. In Key Stage Three, all students follow the full range of National Curriculum subjects. In Key Stage Four, the curriculum combines breadth and balance with personalisation and tailoring of courses to maximise the enjoyment and success of all groups of learners. There are approximately 200 students in the Sixth Form following a range of A Level courses. Attainment is well above national averages and the proportion of students making and exceeding expected progress are high compared with national figures.

The pastoral organisation of the school is based on a year system. Each team of tutors is led by a Year Leader who has care of the year group as they progress from Year 7 to Year 11. Relationships in the school are excellent. Students enjoy their learning and their views contribute to the development of Teaching and Learning. Tracking of student progress and behaviour are well developed and highly effective. We make a strong commitment to our links with our partner primary schools and in the summer term before they join us, all Year 6 students take part in a residential experience in North Wales with High School and Primary School staff. Parental and community involvement in the school is seen as vital for the benefit of both school and community.

This is a school that aspires to achieve the highest standards, is constantly developing and promotes innovation. Staff enjoy a strong team spirit and are friendly and supportive to each other. Leadership and management are open and consultative, inviting the contribution of all in the school community. Students participate fully in decision-making.

We expect high standards in the way individuals treat each other, placing great emphasis on mutual respect, consideration, fairness and responsibility.

The school's original building dates back to the 1950s and was extended in the 1970s. In addition to curriculum areas, facilities include a large sports hall with sprung floor, an all-weather pitch, an extensive computer network, drama studio an inclusion centre and an excellent Sixth Form facility with café, lounge areas and study areas. The local Tarporley Library is on site and is jointly used by the school and the community.

Tarporley has over 1200 students, 70 teachers and 43 support staff.

The 2014 Ofsted report judged that:

- The ethos and culture of the school develop both students and staff equally well and create an enthusiasm for learning.
- All groups of students make rapid progress.
- The achievement gap is closing rapidly for students supported by the pupil premium.
- Teachers are highly knowledgeable and enthusiastic.
- Teaching assistants and support staff make an invaluable contribution to the achievement and well-being of students.
- Students behave themselves extremely well and are eager to learn; they respect one another and their teachers.
- Students feel very safe in school.
- The Sixth Form is outstanding.
- Leaders at all levels are relentless in their drive to bring about further improvement.
- The strong focus on professional development is key to developing high quality, innovative teaching.
- The rich variety of extra-curricular activity has a positive impact on students' social, moral, spiritual and cultural development.
- Governors have a first class understanding of the school's strengths and areas for development.